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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), in 2004, 9,600 people were treated by U.S. emergency departments for fireworks- related injuries during the month around Independence Day. The National Fire Protection Administration (NFPA) reported that in 2002 there were 3,000 structure or vehicle fires started by fireworks

Between 1997 and 2001 an average of 8 people were killed in fires started by fireworks and 7 killed directly by fireworks per year.

In 2003, 100 people were killed in a night club fire started by pyrotechnics during a live music show.

In 2003, males accounted for 73% of the injuries; the majority of victims were under the age of 20.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission the amounts of fireworks sold in the U.S. has more than doubled in a 10 year period from 1993 to 2003 from 101.9 million pounds to 220.8 million pounds.

The Milwaukee Fire Department wants everyone to have a happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and remember that ALL fireworks are illegal in the city of Milwaukee.

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